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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States allowing
an item veto in appropriations bills.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EMERSON introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to
the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
States allowing an item veto in appropriations bills.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*
4 *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*
5 *stitution, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes*
6 *as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legisla-*
7 *tures of three-fourths of the several States:*

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. The President shall have the power to
3 disapprove any appropriation or provision and approve any
4 other appropriation or provision in the same appropriation
5 bill. In such case he shall, in signing the bill, designate
6 the appropriations and provisions disapproved; and shall
7 return a copy of such appropriations and provisions, with
8 his objections, to the House in which the bill shall have
9 originated; and the same proceedings shall then be had
10 as in case of other bills disapproved by the President.

11 “SECTION 2. This article shall be inoperative unless
12 it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Con-
13 stitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
14 States within seven years from the date of its submis-
15 sion.”.

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